

II. **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated May 13, 2009, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended, and claim 5 is canceled. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 5. In addition, claim 1 has been amended to include (Z)-2-(4-methylsulphonylphenyl)-3-phenyl-2-buten-1,4-diol, which finds support in the specification at least on page 16, line 15. Claim 1 has also been amended to correct informalities and clarify the scope of the presently claimed invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that the claims lack written description. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite specific COX-2 selective inhibitors. Applicants submit that the presently amended claims comply with the written description requirement, and Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

III. **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this response is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. **026220-00058**.

Respectfully submitted,



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